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All the News of the Past Sever Days Condensed.

HOME AND FOREIGN ITEMS

News of the Industrial Field, Persona. and Political Items, Happenings at Home and Abroad.

THE NEWS FROM ALL THE WORLD

CONGRESSIONAL.

In the senate on the 7th discussion of the The report, which removes the tax on bucket-shops, the chief bone of contenthe house the Chinese exclusion bill was for a tax levy. passed after several amendments were adopted, the conference report on the war revenue tax reduction bill was accepted and the senate bill extending the charters of national banks 20 years was passed.

time in the senate on the 8th In the house ered. Mr. Cooper introduced the bill establishing civil government in the Philippines. It is unlike that of the senate, in that it provides a complete form of civil government for the islands, to go into ef- agents. fect when the war terminates.

The Chinese exclusion bill was further considered in the senate on the 9th In the house Mr. Smith (Mich.) bitterly opposed Sparkman (Fla.) and Morris (Minn.) also spoke against the bill.

The senate passed the post office appro-priation bill on the 10th and continued discussion of the Chinese exclusion bill.... In iff and posse in Scott county, Va., killthe house the Cuban reciprocity measure was further considered and the committee on pensions made a favorable report on the senate bill granting a pension of President McKinley.

DOMESTIC.

President Roosevelt and party left Washington on a special train for the Charleston exposition.

Albert T. Patrick, who murdered William Marsh Rice in New York, has been sentenced to die on May 5. Fire losses in the United States in March were \$10,852,780, nearly 50 per cent. less than in March, 1901

The state of Washington has asked permission to begin suit against the proposed railway merger in the United States supreme court.

T. V. Powderly, commissioner general of immigration, has formally tendered his resignation.

Secretary of State Hay, in the Danthat Capt. Christmas represented the | mob for killing Frank Taylor. United States, or was concerned officially in the islands' sale. Six Princeton students have been

fined \$250 each for college pranks. Western Baseball league, committed suicide at Kansas City. Financial army. worry is the supposed cause. The bank of Fowler at Fowler, Col.

was robbed of \$1,100 by safe blowers. Dr. A. A. Kendrick, one of the bestdead at Upper Alton.

covered the coke region in Pennsyl. | cent. on capital stock. vania to a depth of 16 inches. The southwest Missouri state

normal school building was destroyed by fire at Cape Girardeau, the loss being estimated at \$100,000. The strike in the woolen mills in

Massachusetts and other states is practically paralyzing the wool mar-Lack of rain for two years has

brought the entire population of Zapata county. Tex., to the verge of star-

George Green, a Chicago & Northwestern engineer, was crushed to death at Escanaba, Mich., his engine leaving the track and falling on him. The United States government will shortly erect a wireless telegraph station in Key West, Fla., making connec-

tions with Havana, Cuba. Samuel Van Slavern was hanged at Camden, N. J., for the murder of his

St. John's military academy at Manlius, N. Y., was burned, the loss being rica, some of their victims being chil-

President Roosevelt was warmly welcomed to Charleston, S. C., by the gov. clare that the war will last four metto Guard, and he had been selected ernor of the state and citizens and was | years longer. banqueted at the Charleston hotel in the evening.

Gen. MacArthur, in testimony before the senate committee, said American ideas would win the Filipinos, and declared the present war was the most humane of modern times.

July 1. The revenue reduction bill provides for the removal of this tax January 1, 1903.

Rich gold strikes are reported in three mines near Pony, Mont., where ore assaying from \$150 to \$175 a ton is said to have been uncovered.

Burglars got, away with jewels valued at \$10,000 belonging to Mrs. E. E. Paramore, wife of a St. Louis capitalist.

The United States Savings and Loan company, with headquarters at St. Paul, has gone into liquidation. Liabilities and assets are \$500.000 each. | nobbed at Brussels by socialists.

Fire wiped out the business portion of Casey, Ill.

The British camp at Lathrop, Mo., has shipped more than 72,000 mules and horses to South Africa since the beginning of the Boer war.

Capt. Samuel Silvey and Fireman Lee Legg were drowned at Pittsburg by the capsizing of a towboat. Friends of the ship subsidy bill have abandoned the measure for the

present session of congress. Roosevelt day was celebrated at the Charleston exposition, and the president paid tribute to north and south in the civil war and pleaded for Cuba. A sword was given to Mai. Jenkins.

The Iowa supreme court has reversed the life sentence of Mrs. Mary husband at Indianola, and granted interest, and will always be; and those her a new trial.

Mrs. Nancy Austin, who died at Sparta, Mich., weighed 500 pounds and is supposed to have been the largest woman in the state.

section of McArthur, O. A consolidation of the great hard- looked or hidden for years. ware jobbing interests of the country, capitalized at \$120,000,000, is re-

ceipts in the history of the service.

army war college to be established in Way," published in Richmond in 1863; Washington. Frank Meyers, Dudley Boyd and

conference report on the war revenue tax James Shaffer were instantly killed reduction bill occupied most of the day. in a boiler explosion at Peoria, Ia. The Maryland legislature will meet tion, was adopted by a vote of 36 to 20....In in extra session April 16 to provide

> Snow has fallen at Fairfax, W. Va. to the depth of 32 inches. First national bank of St. Joseph | convened at Nashville on October 7,

the Cuban reciprocity measure, and Messrs. her husband, their four-year-old son and herself in a fit of insanity. James Wright, a negro criminal,

with a party of friends stood off a shering five men and wounding two. Ellen M. Stone, kidnaped missionary,

reached New York and declared she was not treated harshly by brigands. She left at once for her home in Chel-Fire in the plow shop of the South-

ern plow works at Columbus, Ga., caused a loss of \$300,000. Robert J. Wynne, Washington corre-

postmaster general. Western roads have declared a boy had several sons.

cott against steamship lines which refuse to abolish commissions Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, has arrived at New York.

Gov. Dole, of Hawaii, arrived in Washington to confer with the president, at the latter's request, regarding onditions in Hawaii.

Thomas Blackard, a young farmer ish West Indies investigation, denied at Dukedom, Tenn., was hanged by a

The April government crop report announces a low wheat condition. The report of the acting governor of Batangas, presented to the Phil-James Whitfield, president of the ippines committee of the senate had an honorable distinction already,

A large section of the business porstroyed by fire.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Jasper N. Reece, adjutant general

country, died in Philadelphia. His estate is worth \$1,500,000. Republicans of the Eleventh Ohio district have renominated Charles H.

Grosvenor for congress. Republicans of the Nineteenth Illinois district have renominated Vespa-

sian Warner for congress. George E. Chamberlain, of Portland, Ore., has been nominated for governor y the democratic state convention. Miss Alice Roosevelt has returned to Washington from Cuba.

FOREIGN.

guilty of many murders in South Af- fired the first gun of the war!

brated his eighty-fourth birthday.

forced to concede the main points. The "Political testament" of Cecil ment. Rhodes, expressing a desire for an An-The tax on tea is not to be lifted glo-American alliance to control the world, has been made public.

the world's anarchists, has been given army was Kate Cumming of Mobile. for approving of McKinley's assassina- one of the best known of the hospital used for dress trimmings.

Lord Kimberly, leader of the liberal party in the British parliament, died in London.

dered all Samar natives over ten years to defend their homes. old to be killed.

King Leopold of Belgium was tance of time we are prone to refer to \$3.50 a cord to \$70; and New Orleans Others went into skepticism through say it is illogical. Poor lawyers are record the news of your soul emanci-



is no end, there are still things to truthful. And just here it seems perti-Hossack, convicted of murdering her be written about that are of general considered trivial are not always the have our histories had to say of make a short journey but some little Fire destroyed half the business matter of history or biography unfolds itself after having been entirely over-

Last week I took a jaunt into the country, to my old home. While there, of course I began searching among Postal receipts for the three old books and papers-these furnish a months ended January 1 last were special pleasure during my leisure female during the Civil war. Some was, they did not want to go. "And \$32,005,621, the largest quarterly re- hours; and I was not long in coming poet should embalm her name in song they all with one consent began to not to be caricatured, but helped, and on some reminders of the war between Maj. Gen. S. B. M. Young has been the States. These were a copy of assigned to duty as president of the sheet music, "Stonewall Jackson's an out-of-print book entitled "Journal of Hospital Life in the Army of the Tennessee," and an album containing stances of Confederate soldiers hav- chalices of God's love, while other mul- Thomas Chalmers once a skeptic; the photograph of Edmund Ruffin, the soldier who fired the first gun of the

The relics were owned by the daugh-Lee Gallagher, paying teller of the ber of the Tennessee Legislature which The Chinese exclusion bill occupied the Mo., has been arrested on a charge 1861, after the State had seceded. Mr. Floyd was a strong secessionist, one begun inquiry in the British camp at | the owner of the first wheat thresher New Orleans, aided by secret service ever brought to his county, and a person of marked individuality. Perhaps Mrs. Shepard R. Bucey, wife of the he was somewhat eccentric, for I assistant cashier of the American na. learn that notwithstanding his poptional bank in Everett, Wash., killed ularity, he was never known to smile; and if he had a mind to say a thing nothing could induce him to soften it if it was truth or philosophy. As especially denoting his eccentricity, it is -after he had gone to "housekeeping" -he was never known to sit in any other than a certain chair! This was kept vacant for him, and if one of the family or a visitor occupied it during his absence it was unceremoniously given up on his return. Mr. Floyd was with the Legislature when it assembled at Memphis in February, spondent of the New York Press, has | 1862, after the fall of Fort Donelson, accepted the office of first assistant and after it dispersed I think he joined the Confederate army, in which he

> . . . This Man Fired the First Gun.

Many distinguished faces look on you from the old album in question-Zollicoffer, Cheatham and Raines of Tennessee among the rest; but none is more striking than that of Edmund Ruffin of Virginia. Ruffin was born in 1794, and was a planter, a writer of agricultural matters, an editor and publisher of the famous 'Westover Manuscripts" of Col. William Byrd, of which so much is now being said in the literary world. He makes serious charges against the but at the opening of hostilities was destined to win unique celebrity.

In April, 1861, the war excitement tion of Sycamore, Ill., has been de at Charleston, S. C., was at white heat. The volunteers were gathering: Ohio's new tax plan requires pub. the groves of magnolias and live-oaks known educators in Illinois, dropped lic corporations to pay one per cent. thrilled with monitions of the coming on gross incomes and private corpo- conflict; and the chimes of the great The deepest snow of the year has rations to pay one-tenth of one per edifice, St. Michael's, rang out sweeter and sadder than at any time since its erection in 1752. On the night of April 11, when the order had gone forth that the attack was to be made on Fort Sumter the next morning, of Illinois, died in Springfield, aged 61 there must have been little rest for the citizens. The incoming mariners, Col. John McKee, aged 81, one of sailing by the lighthouses and beacons the wealthiest colored men in the and boat-bells from Cape Romain to the harbor, and noticing the moonlight on the spire of St. Michael's, which pointed like a finger to heaven, could not even at that distance have been oblivious of the stir and excitement thrilling the old city. At length streaks of light began to transfigure the East. In the Confederate camp Beauregard prepared to carry out the task placed upon him. The Palmetto Guard of South Carolina was marched to the battery threatening Fort Sumter. An aged soldier, square of jaw and firm of purpose, and with long white locks on his shoulders, stepped forward. There was a momentary silence-a flash-then a roar as a bomb A trooper returning to Liverpool was hurled against the fort defended by charges that Australian officers are its small garrison. Edmund Ruffin had

It should be explained that at the outbreak of the war Ruffin, then in Boer sympathizers in Holland de- South Carolina and joined the Palto open the bombardment of Fort

. . . Miss Cumming's Journal.

nurses, and published her journal in

severely many of the Southern people, especially some women, whom she

pathetic. She tells some unpleasant "While to the making of books there stories, but seems sincere, fair and nent to mention the neglect into which we have let the memories of the devoted nurses themselves fall. So litfound death made easier by her tenderness and Christian exhortations. Gen. Joseph E. Johnston once had 30,000 -she was worthy if any woman ever | make excuse."

> respectable for females to enter 'the hospitals, and even the doctors did not give them full credit. She gives inmen still lying there helpless. "I upon some of them."

> nooga. Here is a broadside at some of the citizens: "There are numbers of

wealthy citizen of Tuskegee, Ala., and she records this: "While Capt. C. and the sepulcher! What flashes of resur- others, but the grace of God never myself were in the parlor looking over some books a lady called on Miss K. In the course of conversation the lat-

During the war many rumors were very much. Miss Cumming, on going dismisses the rumors in these words: sadly misrepresented, and instead of the joyful welcome given to the trito them. The ladies take no more notice of the Federal officers than if

Some High Prices. It is presumed that the few isolated ases of Southern women's neglect and lack of patriotism were taken too much to heart by Miss Cummingnere has never been a more admirable ing apparel, sent clothing to the troops, attended the wants of the starving and wounded, and did much to encourage the soldiers in the field

live under the United States govern- Calico was \$2 a yard. Sweet milk was

Miss Cumming quotes Mobile prices uary, 1862, to January, 1865.

Flour went from \$11.25 per barrel

DANGER IN DELAY.

Folly of Postponing Acceptance of Gospel Invitation Exposed.

Dr. Talmage Examines Apologies of Men for Not Entering the Christian Life-Sympathy for the Skeptics.

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Washington, In the following discourse, prepared by Dr. Talmage before his illness, the folly and danger of postponing the acceptance of the Gospel invitation are exposed on the text, Luke 14:18, "And they all with one consent began to

make excuse." After the invitations to a levee are such." That is one observation I have them that I do not now recall but sent out the regrets come in. One man found in the main true. I rarely even two. These were Sallie Chapman Law apologizes for nonattendance on one of Memphis and Miss Cumming. The ground, another on another ground. former was known as the Mother of The most of the regrets are founded the Confederacy, and died in 1894. on prior engagements. So in my text Wherever there was suffering she was a great banquet was spread, the into be found, and hundreds of soldiers vitations were circulated, and now the regrets come in. The one gives an agricultural reason, the other a stock troops to pass in review before her- dealer's reason, the other a domestic an honor never accorded to another reason. All poor reasons. The fact

Miss Cumming says that in the early It is the Gospel feast, and the table days of the war it was not considered reaches across the hemisphere, and will be worth far more to the cause the invitations go out, and multitudes of Christ than those who never examcome and sit down and drink out of the ined the evidence of Christianity. ing to pay for drinking water in Mis- titudes decline coming, the one giving Christmas Evans, once a skeptic; but sissippi when they were giving their this apology, and the other giving that when they did lay hold of the Gospel lives in defense of that State. At the apology, "and they all with one con- chariot how they made it speed ahead! depot at Okolona she saw a number of sent began to make excuse." I pro- If, therefore, I address men and wommen taken from the train. Some were pose, so far as God may help me, to ex- en who have drifted away into skeptiter of Hon. William Floyd, a mem- dead and others wounded. They were amine the apologies which men make cism, I throw out no scoff; I rather im-

wrapped in their blankets "and put down on the platform as if they were bundles of rags." She visited the scene a few hours later and saw the scene and said your evening hours later and saw the scene and said your evening hours later and saw the scene and said your evening hours later and saw the scene and said your tian religion. It is pleaded that there prayer and those other days of sick-Col. E. H. Crowder, U. S. A., has of the leading citizens of his section, asked if there were none to care for are so many impositions in this day; so ness when she watched all night and them," she proceeds, "and was in- many things that seeme to be real are gave you the medicine at just the right formed that there was no one, and sham. A gilded outside may have a time and turned the pillow when it that they had not even had a drop of hollow inside. There is so much quack- was hot, and with hand long ago water. The sun was shining directly ery in physics, in ethics, in politics, turned to dust soothed your pains, and that men come to the habit of incred- with that voice you will never hear For awhile she was at Chatta- ulity, and after awhile they allow that again unless you join her in the betincredulity to collide with our holy ter country told you never mind, you poor people here, but many seem to be religion. But, my friends, I think re- would be better by and by, and by that unfit for anything. They are the most ligion has made a pretty good record dying couch where she talked so slowmiserable looking beings I have ever in the world. How many wounds it ly, catching her breath between the met. Reading or writing with them has salved! How many pillars of fire words-by all those memories I ask said that during his long married life is out of the question. I suspect if I it has lifted in the midnight wilder- you to come and take the same rewere to ask them about education they ness! How many simoom struck des- ligion. It was good enough for her; would scarcely know what I meant. I erts it hath turned into the gardens of it is good enough for you. Aye, I make hope the people we see here are not a the Lord! How it hath stilled the a better plea: By the wounds and the fair sample of the poorer class of coun- chopped sea! What rosy light it hath death throe of the Son of God, who aptry people in Tennessee." That is dis-couraging and uncomplimentary, to be stormeloud! What pools of cool wasure; but here is a mixed compliment: stormcloud! What pools of cool wa- torn brow and lacerated hands and The lowest and most degraded peo- ter it hath gathered for thirsty Hagar | whipped back, crying: "Come unto ple I have ever met were in Tennes- and Ishmael! What manna whiter see, and the best educated and most than coriander seed it hath dropped laden, and I will give you rest." polished men were also from that all around the camp of hardly bested pilgrims! What promises it hath sent Miss Cumming and some Confed out like holy watchers to keep the erate friends stopped at the home of a lamps burning around deathbeds, through the darkness that lowers into people to become Christians than for God, that tends toward a doleful view

> rection morn! Besides that, this religion has made climb or an abyss that it could not ter informed her that the Federals so many heroes. It brought Summer- fathom or to a bondage that it could were expected to garrison the town. field, the Methodist, across the Atlan- not break. The wildest horse that ever The lady replied: 'I am so glad, as tic ocean with his silver trumpet to trod Arabian sands has been broken to t will be such a nice change' (from blow the acceptable year of the Lord bit and trace. The maddest torrent the Confederates). I looked at Capt. until it seeemd as if all our American | tumbling from mountain shelving has C. The blood mounted to his face, cities would take the kingdom of been harnessed to the mill wheel and and he muttered between his teeth, 'Is heaven by violence. It sent Jehudi the factory band, setting a thousand this the kind of women I have been Ashman into Africa alone, in a conti- shuttles all a-buzz and a-clatter. And nent of naked barbarians, to lift the the wildest, the haughtiest, the most current of the kind treatment accord- standard of civilization and Christian- ungovernable man ever created by the ed Federal soldiers by the Southern ity. It made John Milton among po- grace of God may be subdued and girls-especially in Mobile. All this ets, Raphael among painters, Christo- sent out on ministry of kindness, as aroused the ire of the soldiers of the pher Wren among architects, Thor- God sends an August thunderstorm to South. No doubt it was exaggerated waldsen among sculptors, Handel water the wild flowers down in the among musicians, Dupont among mil- grass. Peter, with nature tempestuo Mobile near the close of the war, itary commanders, and to give new ous as the sea that he once tried to wings to the imagination and better | walk, at one look from Christ went "I found that the people had been balance to the judgment and more de- out and wept bitterly. Rich harvests termination to the will and greater of grace may grow on the summit of umphant army, the town had the quiet- usefulness to the life and grander no- the jagged steep, and flocks of Chrisness of the grave. Scarcely a soul was bility to the soul there is nothing in all | tian graces may find pasturage in to be seen on the street, with the ex- the earth like our Christian religion. fields of bramble and rock. Though eption of negroes. Every blind was Nothing in religion? Why, then, all your disposition may be all a-bristle losed. Since then there are but two those Christians were deceived when with fretfulness, though you have a or three ladies who have countenanced in their dying moment they thought | temper a-gleam with quick lightnings, the enemy in any way, and now their they saw the castles of the blessed, though your avarice be like that of the old friends will have nothing to say and your child, that with unutterable horse leech, crying: "Give!" though agony you put away into the grave, damnable impurities have wrapped they were invisible. With few excep- you will never see him again nor hear you in all consuming fire, God can tions the ladies are true to their dead. his sweet voice nor feel the throb of drive that devil out of your soul, and ever gets fully over prograstination. The color of blue is wholly ignored. I his young heart. There is nothing in over the chaos and the darkness He If you give your soul to God some othheard one little girl crying bitterly religion? Sickness will come upon can say: "Let there be light." Conbecause her mother was going to put you. Roll and turn on your pillow; verting grace has lifted the drunkard a blue ribbon on her hat-she said the no relief. The medicine may be bitter, from the ditch and snatched the knife Yankees might take her for one of the night may be dark, the pain may from the hand of the assassin and the be sharp; no relief. Christ never comes | false keys from the burglar and in the to the sickroom. Let the pain stab; pestiferous lanes of the city met the let the fever burn; curse it and die. daughter of sin under the dim lamp-There is nothing in religion? After light and scattered her sorrow and have been seated, but which you will awhile death will come. You will hear her guilt with the words: "Thy sins

the pawing of the pale horse on the are forgiven; go, and sin no more." threshold. The spirit will be breaking For scarlet sin a scarlet atonement. type than our Southern women during away from the body, and it will take Other persons apologize for not enthose perilous times. In justice to her | flight-whither, whither? There is no | tering the Christian life because of it should be stated that she gives hun- God, no ministering angels, to con- the inconsistencies of those who prodreds of instances of the devotion of duct, no Christ, no heaven, no home. fess religion. There are thousands of pathway. How insignificant is time the women, who made their own wear. Nothing in religion? Oh, you are not poor farmers. They do not know the compared with the vast eternity! As willing to adopt such a dismal theory! nature of soils or the proper rotation I was thinking of this one day while And yet the world is full of skeptics. of crops. Their corn is shorter in the coming down over the Alleghany And let me say there is no class of stalkand smaller in the ear. They have mountains at noon, by that wonderful his sixty-seventh year, had gone to under circumstances that have no people for whom I have a warmer sym- ten less bushels to the acre than their pass which you all have heard deparallel in the history of civilized peo- pathy than for skeptics. We do not neighbors. But who declines being a scribed as the Horseshoe-a depresknow how to treat them. We deride farmer because there are so many sion in the side of the mountain where It may be interesting to close this them, we caricature them. We, in- poor farmers? There are thousands of the train almost turns back again up-King Christian IX. of Denmark cele. Sumter. He was a gallant soldier de- sketch with some mention of the stead of taking them by the soft hand incompetent merchants. They buy at on itself, and you see how appropriate spite his age, and when peace was scarcity of commodities and the prices of Christian love, clutch them with the wrong time. They get cheated in is the name of the Horseshoe-and Russia and China have signed the made he returned to Virginia, kissed that prevailed in war times. Miss the iron pinchers of ecclesiasticism. the sale of their goods. Every bale of thinking on this very theme and prethe "folded banner" and in June, 1865. Cumming in 1863 paid \$3 a yard for Oh, if you knew how those men had goods is to them a bale of disaster. paring this very sermon, it seemed to Manchurian treaty, Russia being killed himself because he would not a dress of common cotton delaine. They fail after awhile and go out of me as if the great courser of eternity fallen away from Christianity and be-\$2 a gallon and buttermilk \$1. This come skeptics you would not be so business. But who declines to be a speeding along had just struck the was at Chattanooga. She also paid rough on them! Some were brought merchant because there are so many mountain with one hoof and gone on \$16 for a pair of leather shoes. In Mo- up in homes where religion was over- incompetent merchants? There are into illimitable space. So short is The writer of the journal concern- bile ladies' calf-skin bootees cost \$100, done. The most wretched day in the thousands of poor lawyers. They can- time, so insignificant is earth, com-Count Malatesta, reputed head of ing hospital life in the Confederate and men's shoes \$50 more. Hats for week was Sunday. Religion was driven not draw a declaration that will stand pared with the vast eternity! This women and men were made of saw into them with a triphammer. They the test. They cannot recover just moment voices roll down the sky and five months' sentence at Rome, Italy, Ala. She was born in 1835, became palmetto, and this was also plaited and had a surfeit of prayer meetings. damages. They cannot help a defend- all the worlds of light are ready to re-They were stuffed and choked with ant escape from the injustice of his joice at your disenthrallment. Rush catechisms. They were told by their persecutors. They are the worst im- not into the presence of the King Strange to say, she criticises very provisions and other things from Jandren that ever lived because they liked | they are retained. But who declines to | this robe of righteousness. Dash not to ride down hill better than to read be a lawyer because there are so many your foot to pieces against the throne Maj. Waller, at the Manila court- accuses of neglect and a lack of ap- to \$300; commeal from \$1 a bushel to "Pilgrim's Progress." They never incompetent lawyers? Yet there are of a crucified Christ. Throw not your martial, testified that Gen. Smith or- preciation of the troops who went out \$7; coffee, from 60 cents a pound to heard their parents talk of religion tens of thousands of people who de-\$50; sugar from 7 cents to \$3; onions, but with the corners of the mouth cline being religious because there are the scribes of God are at this hour This is a surprise, for at this dis- from \$8 a barrel to \$100.25; wood from drawn down and the eyes rolled up. so many unworthy Christians. Now, I ready with volumes of living light to

\$3,000, and I don't want any of that anity. religion." Then there are others who get into skepticism by a natural persistence in asking questions, why or how? How can God be one being in three persons? They cannot understand it. Neither can I. How can God be a complete sovereign and yet man a free agent? They cannot understand it. Neither can I. They cannot anderstand why a holy God lets sin come into the world. Neither can I. here is a disciple of fashion, frivolous and godless all her days; she lives on to be an octogenarian. Here is a Chris-Christlike, indispensable seeemingly to that household; she gets a cancer

explain that." Neither can I. I can see how men reason themselves into skepticism. With burning feet I have trodden that blistering way. I know what it is to have a hundred nights poured into one hour. There are men in the arid desert of doubt who would give their thousands of dollars if they could get back to the old religion of their fathers. Such men are not through their heads, but through So now God spreads a great banquet. their hearts. When these men really do come into the kingdom of God, they

> me, all ye that labor and are heavy Other persons apologize for not entering the Christian life because of the incorrigibility of their temperament. Now, we admit it is harder for some came to a mountain that it could not

all the women as patriotic and sym- molasses from 50 cents a gallon to \$20. | maltreatment on the part of some nothing against jurisprudence; poor pated.

who professed religion. There is a physicians are nothing against mediman who says: "My partner in busi- cine; poor farmers are nothing ness was conspicuous in prayer meet- against agriculture, and mean, coning, and he was officious in all reli- temptible professors of religion are gious circles, but he cheated me out of nothing against our glorious Christi-

Other persons apologize for not becoming Christians because they lack time, as though religion muddled the brain of the accountant or tripped the pen of the author or thickened the tongue of an orator or weakened the arm of the mechanic or scattered the briefs of the lawyer or interrupted the sales of the merchant. They bolt their store doors against it and fight it back with trowels and with yard-They say: "Here is a great mystery; sticks and cry: "Away with your religion from our store, our office, our factory! They do not understand that religion in this workday world will tian mother, training her children for help you to do anything you ought to God and for heaven, self-sacrificing, do. It can lay a keel; it can sail a ship; it can buy a cargo; it can work a pulley; it can pave a street; it can fit and dies." The skeptic says: "I can't a wristband; it can write a constitution; it can marshal a host. It is as appropriate to the astronomer as his telescope, to the chemist as his laboratory, to the mason as his plumb line, to the carpenter as his plane, to the child as his marbles, to grandfather as

No time for religion here! You have no time not to be religious. You might as well have no clerks in your store, no books in your library, no compass on your ship, no rifle in the battle, no hat for your head, no coat for your back, no shoes for your feet. Better travel on toward eternity bareheaded and barefooted and houseless and homeless and friendless than to go through life without religion. Did religion make Raleigh any less of a statesman or Havelock any less of a soldier or Grinnell any less of a merchant or West any less of a painter? Why, my friends, religion is the best have to take time to be sick, to be troubled, to die. Our world is only the wharf from which we are to embark for Heaven. No time to secure the friendship of Christ? No time to buy a lamp and trim it for that walk through the darkness which otherwise will be illumined only by the whiteness of the tombstones? No time to educate the eye for Heavenly splendors or the hand for choral harps or the ear for everlasting songs or the soul for honor, glory and immortality? One would think we had time for

Other persons apologize for not entering the Christian life because it is time enough yet. That is very like those persons who send regrets and say: "I will come in perhaps at 11 or 12 o'clock; I will not be there at the opening of the banquet, but I will be there at the close." Not yet! Not vet! Now, I do not give any doleful view of this life. There is nothing in my nature, nothing in the grace of of human life. I have not much sympathy with Addison's description of the "Visions of Mirza," where he represents human life as being a bridge of a hundred arches and both ends of the bridge covered with clouds and, the race coming on, the most of them falling down through the first span and all of them falling down through the last span. It is a very dismal picture. I have not much sympathy with the Spanish proverb which says: "The sky is good and the earth is good; that which is bad is between the earth and the sky." But, while we as Christian men are bound to take a cheerful view of life, we must also confess that life is a great uncertainty and that man who says: "I can't become a Christian because there is time enough vet," is running a risk infinite. You do not perhaps realize the fact that this descending grade of sin gets steeper and steeper and that you are gathering up a rush and velocity which after awhile may not answer to

Here is a delusion. People think: "I can go on in sin and worldliness, but after awhile I will repent and then it will be as though I har come at the very start." What a mistabe! No one er time than this, you will enter Heaven with only half the capacity for enjoyment and knowledge you might have had. There will be heights of blessedness you might have attained that then you will never reach; thrones of glory on which you might never climb. We will never get over procrastination, neither in time nor in eternity.

'We have started on a march from which there is no retreat. The shadows of eternity gather on our